



Winter Weather in Arkansas January 21-22, 2016

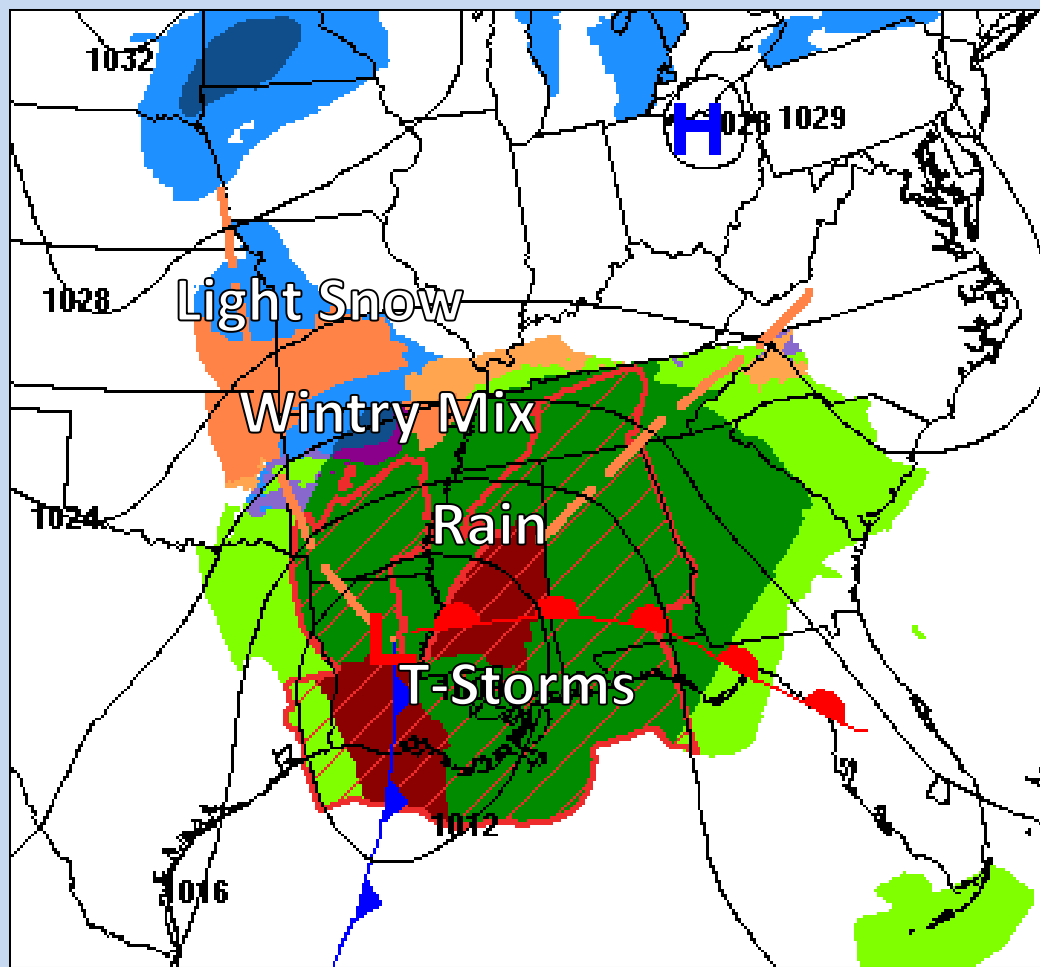
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The Story Line

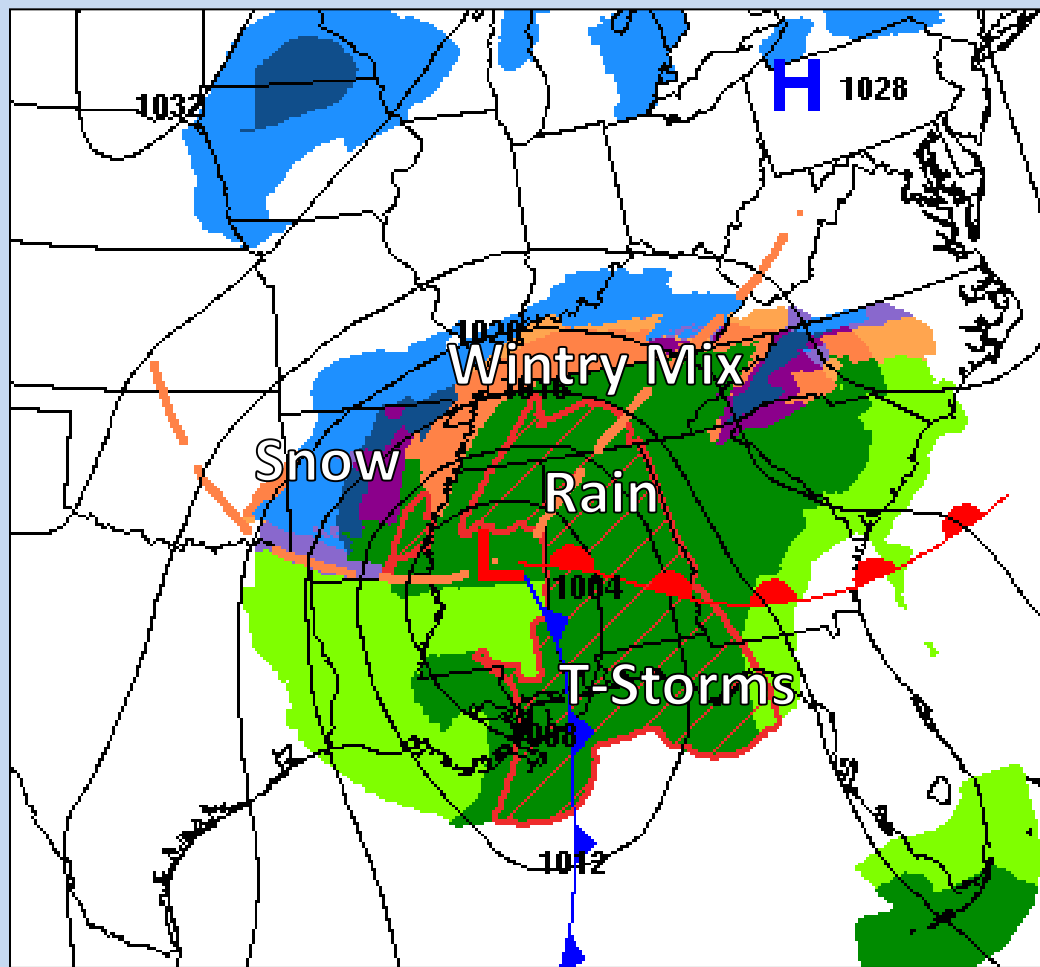
- Areas of rain and scattered thunderstorms will be noted across the southeast half of Arkansas through this evening (01/21). Small chances for precipitation are in the forecast in the north/west.
- Rain in the south/east will change to snow, mainly during the early morning hours Friday (01/22). There will be a chance of light snow/flurries north and west.
- Snow will taper off in the south/east Friday morning (01/22) and it will be very windy.

Pattern (6 pm CST January 21, 2016)



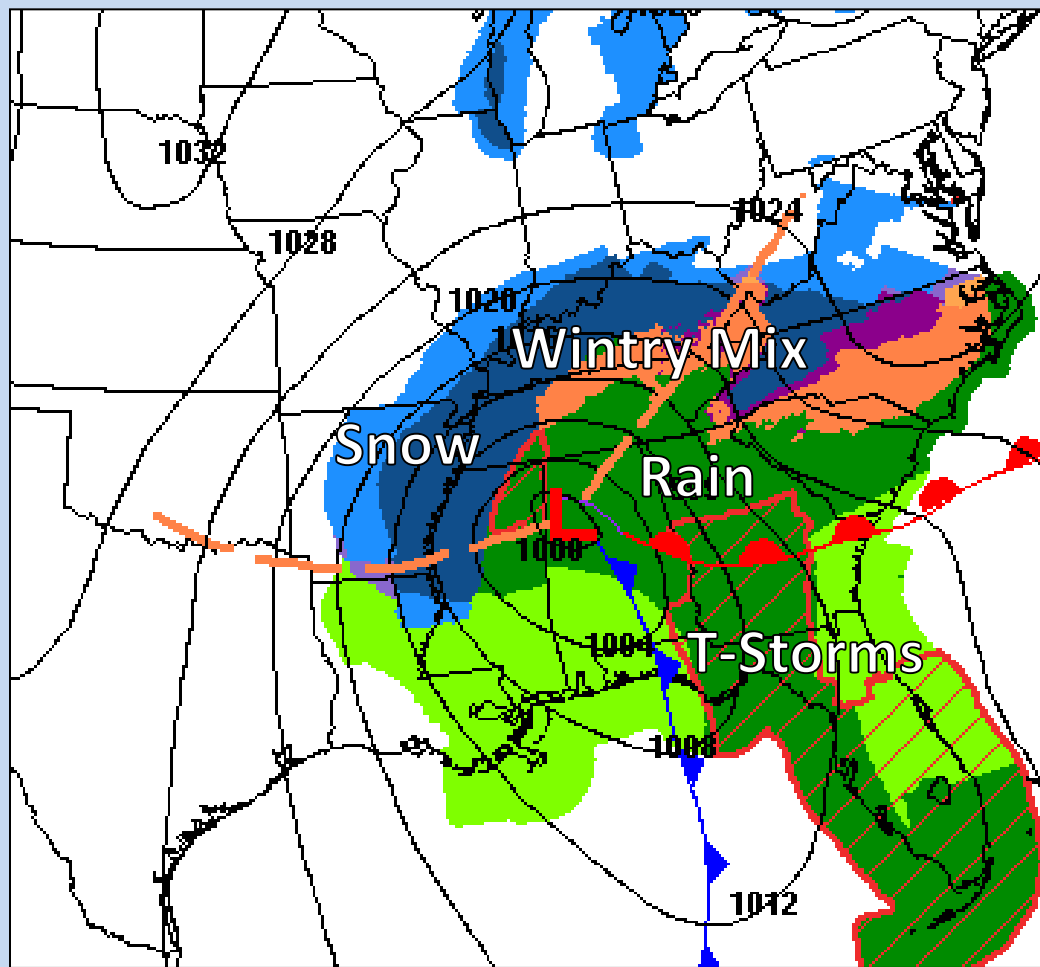
A storm system (“L”) in Louisiana will bring rain and scattered thunderstorms to the southeast half of the state. A very light wintry to the north/west.

Pattern (12 am CST January 22, 2016)



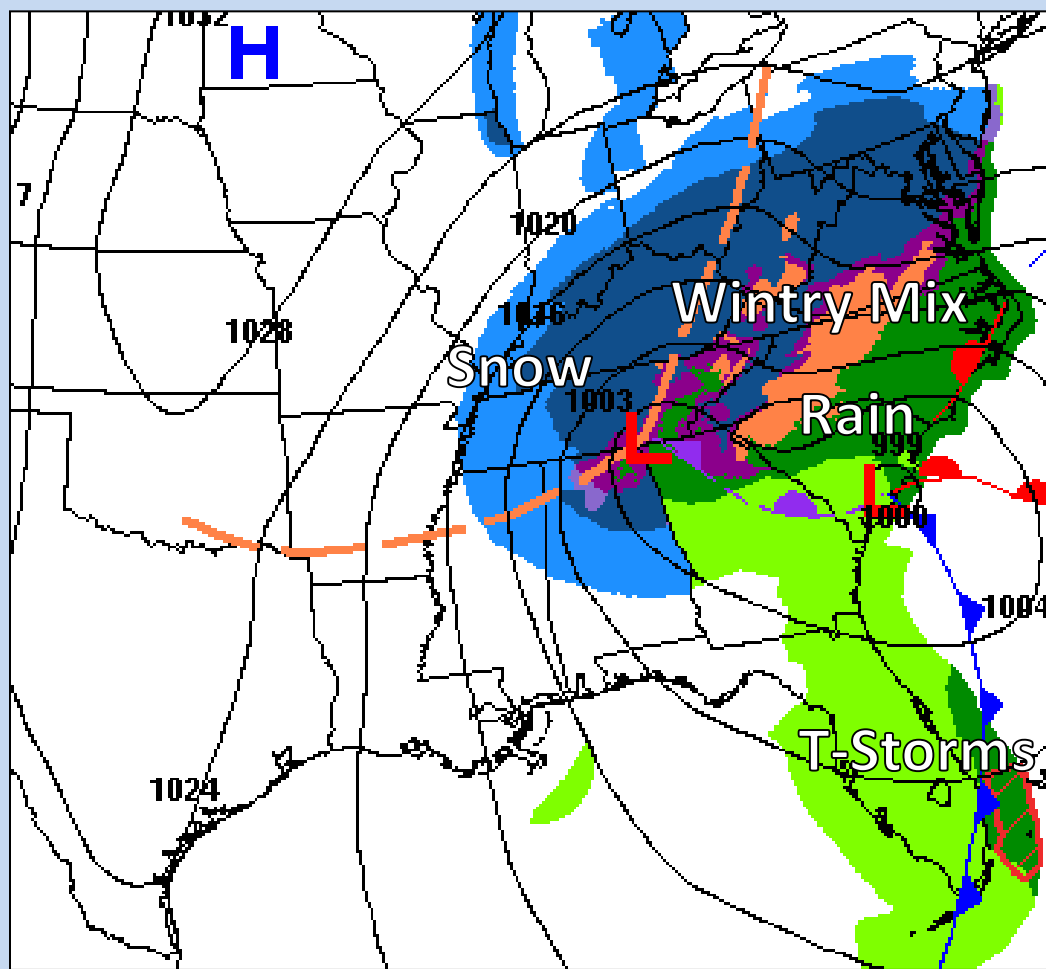
The transition to snow in southern/eastern Arkansas will begin as the storm system ("L") moves into Mississippi. Colder air will wrap around the system.

Pattern (6 am CST January 22, 2016)



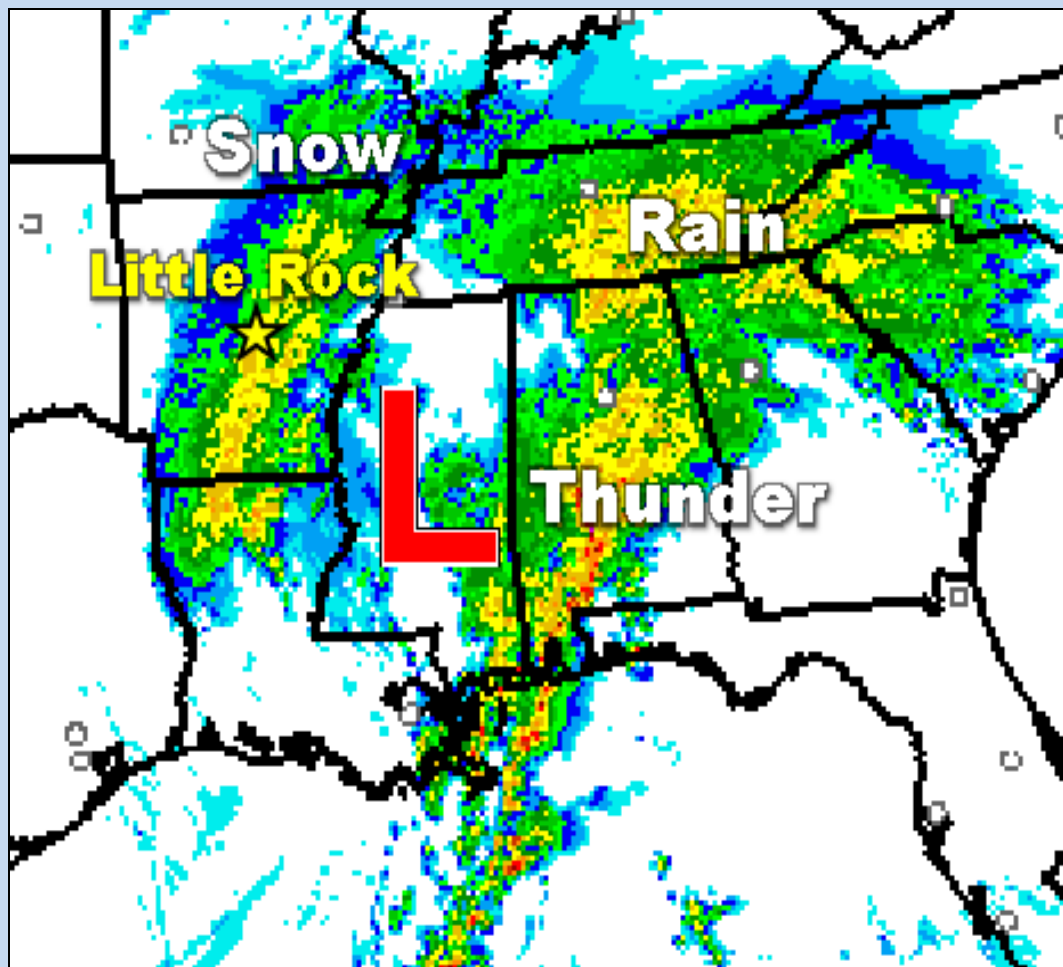
It should be snowing in the eastern half of the state, with areas of heavy snow expected.

Pattern (6 pm CST January 22, 2016)



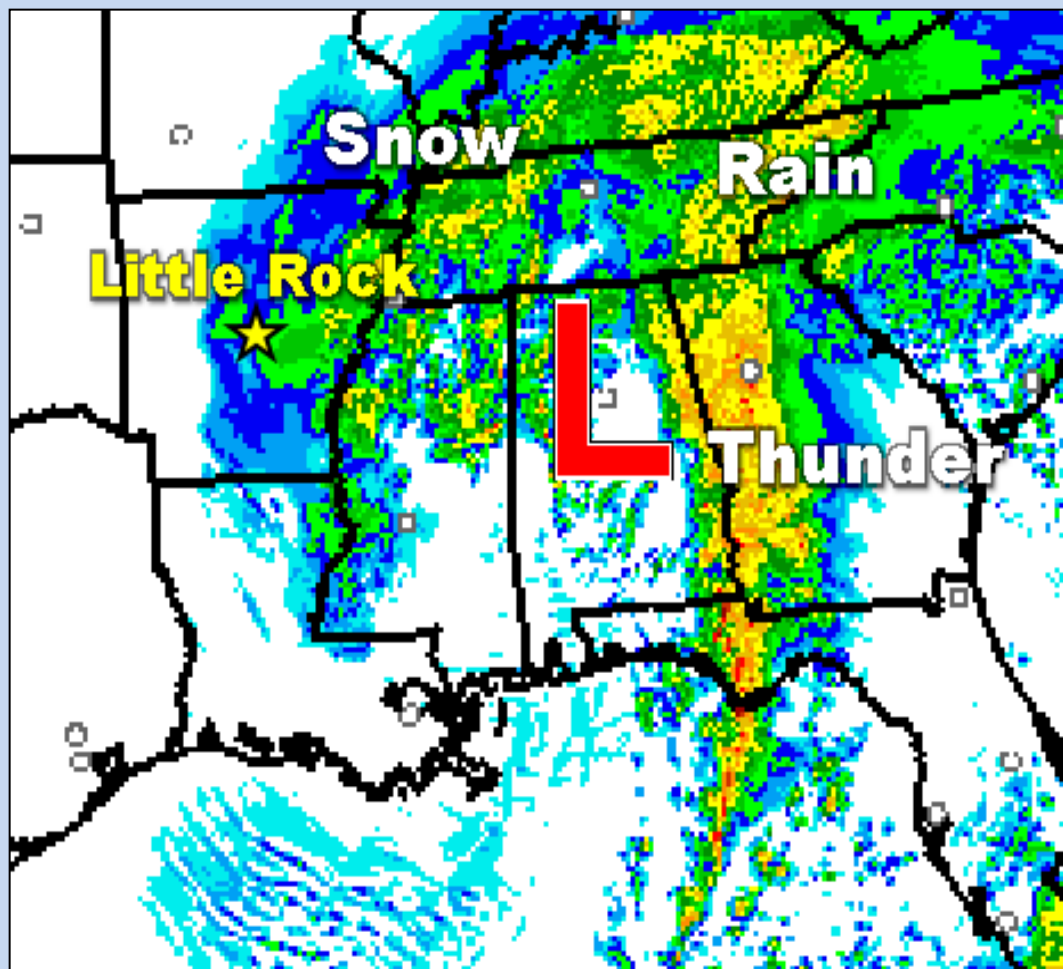
Snow will taper off in the east as the storm system ("L") heads for the East Coast.

Simulated Radar (12 am CST January 22, 2016)



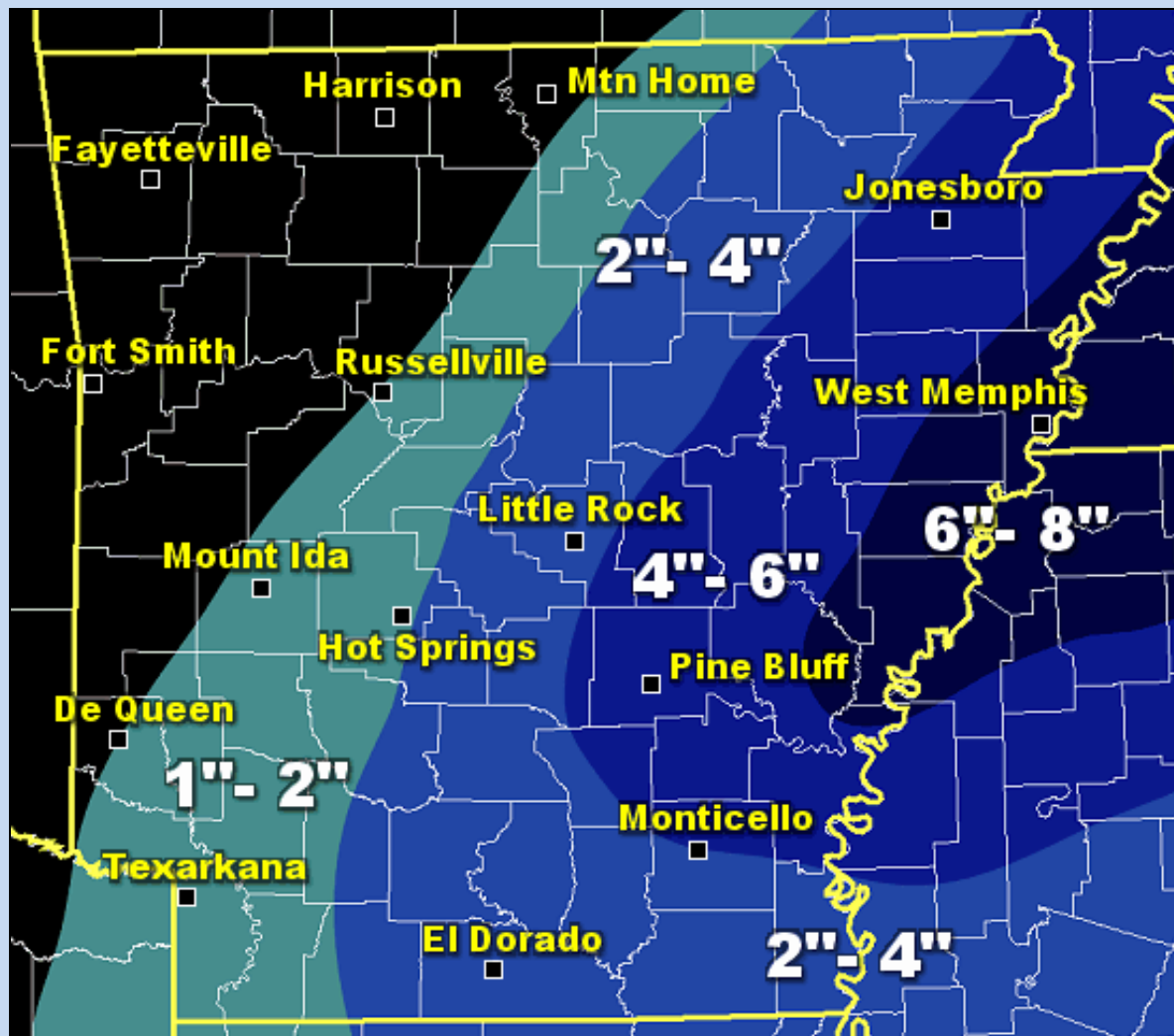
Simulated radar shows plenty of moisture wrapping around the storm system ("L") into Arkansas. This will be mostly snow, or at least changing to snow.

Simulated Radar (6 am CST January 22, 2016)



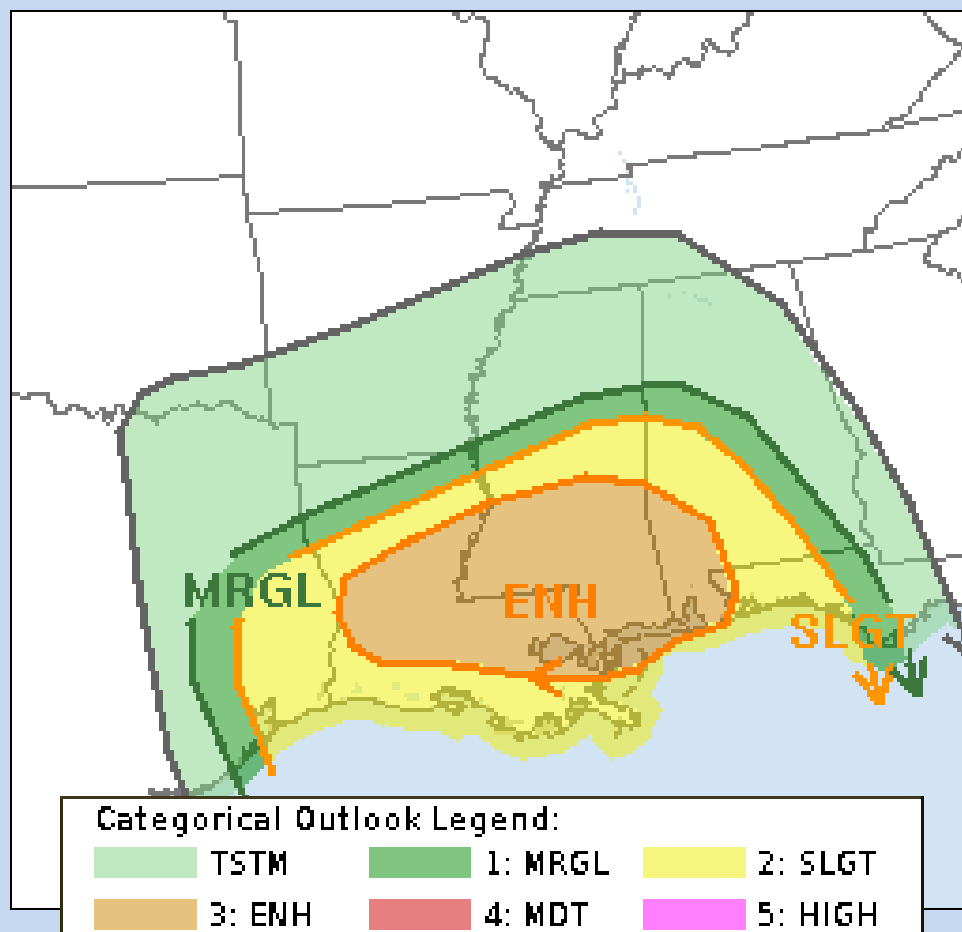
Simulated radar shows snow continuing into eastern Arkansas, and in the process of tapering off.

Snow (By 6 pm CST January 22, 2016)



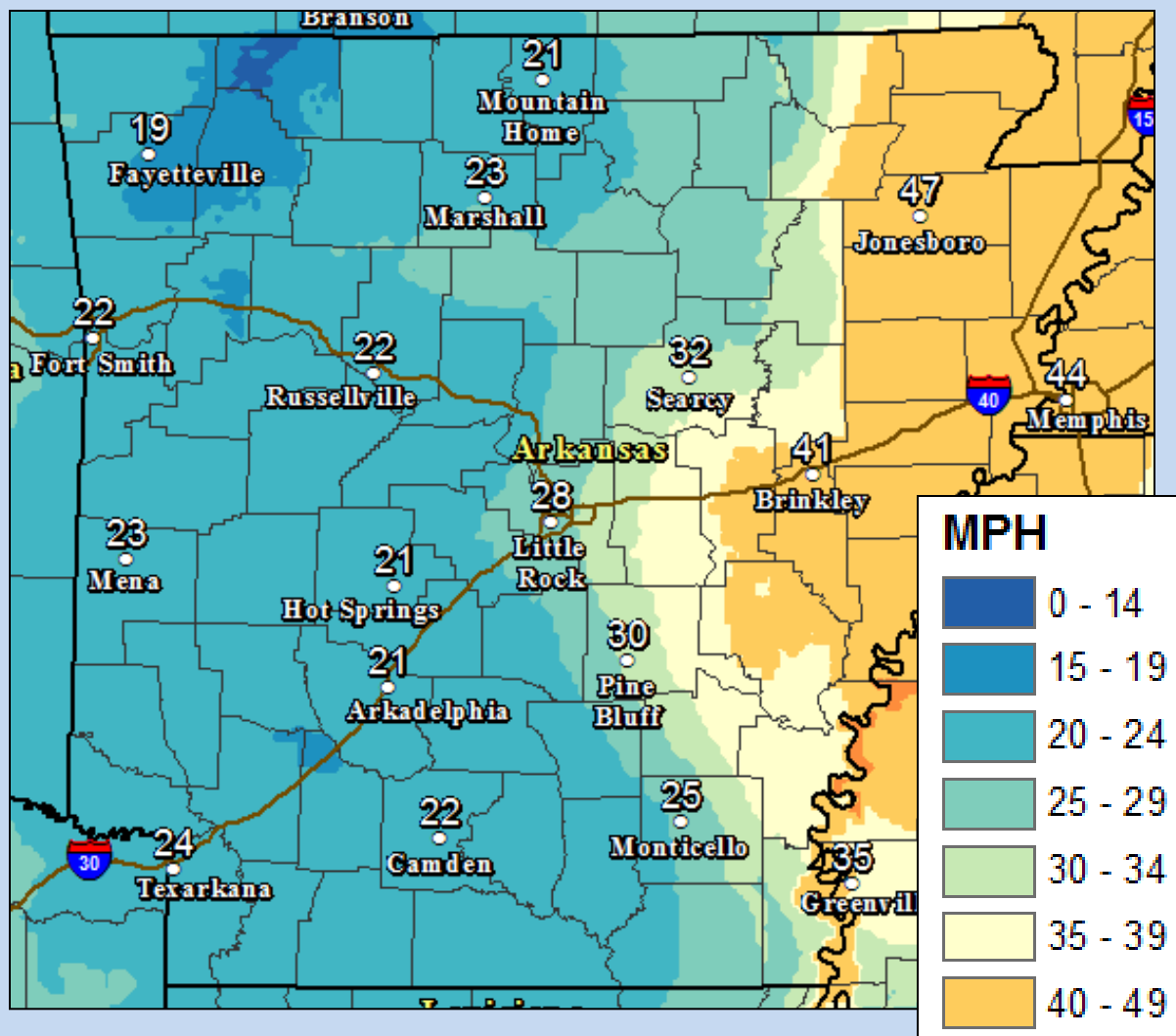
Widespread two to six inch accumulations are in the forecast across the southeast half of Arkansas. In the north/west, amounts will be as little as a few flakes up to an inch.

Severe Storms (January 21-22, 2016)



Just to show how complex this event is, there will be severe weather (including tornadoes) along the Gulf Coast. There is an enhanced (ENH) risk for this area.

Windy (Early January 22, 2016)



Wind gusts could exceed 40 mph in eastern Arkansas, and this could cause power outages.

Forecast Considerations

- The latest data is showing a shift of the heaviest snow to the south/east, so more of southern Arkansas may be affected. That means less snow in the north/west.
- There will likely be some embedded thunder where it snows, and this would certainly lead to locally higher amounts.



Links of Interest

[Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)

[Road Conditions \(What is on the Road\)](#)

[Road Conditions \(How Much is on the Road\)](#)

(information from latter two links courtesy of IDriveArkansas)

